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TASS CITES U.S. PRESS ON SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL

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(TEXT) NEW YORK OCTOBER 13 TASS--THE NEWSPAPER "LOS ANGELES TIMES" REPORTED TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD STARTED A MASSIVE AIRLIFT OF ARMS TO ISRAEL INCLUDING "F4-PHANTOM" PLANES TO MAKE GOOD FOR ITS LOSSES IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAR. THE NEWSPAPER SAYS THAT ISRAEL WILL IN THE FIRST PLACE BE SUPPLIED WITH TANKS AND PLANES. QUOTING INFORMED SOURCES IN WASHINGTON, THE NEWSPAPER NOTES THAT ARMS TO ISRAEL WILL BE DELIVERED VIA U.S. MILITARY BASES ABROAD.

THE NEWSPAPER "PORTSMOUTH HERALD" PUBLISHED IN PORTSMOUTH (NEW HAMPSHIRE) REPORTS THAT ISRAELI PLANES LAND AND ARE QUICKLY LOADED IN THE PEASE AIR BASE. THE NEWSPAPER SAYS THAT SEVEN ISRAELI "BOEING-707" PLANES ARRIVED AT THE BASE ON OCTOBER 11-12. THE NEWSPAPER CARRIES A PHOTOGRAPH OF A PLANE OF THE ISRAELI "EL-AL" COMPANY WITH PAINTED MARKINGS BEING LOADED IN THE AIRFIELD OF THE PEASE BASE. THE PLANES, WRITES THE NEWSPAPER, CARRY TO THE MIDDLE EAST "SPARROW" AND "SIDEWINDER" MISSILES AND AERIAL BOMBS.

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